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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**DIRECT SYNTHESIS METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF ETHERIFIED  
MELAMINE RESIN CONDENSATES, MELAMINE RESIN CONDENSATES,  
AND USE THEREOF**

(Invention Title)

the specification of which:

☐ is filed concurrently herewith.

OR

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claim(s), as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

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or Design Application

Application Serial No. 10/539,789

Attorney Docket No. 4385-051182

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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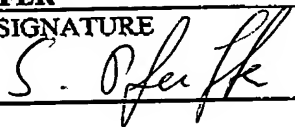
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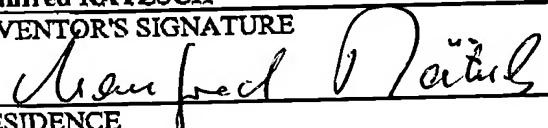
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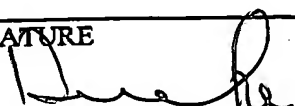


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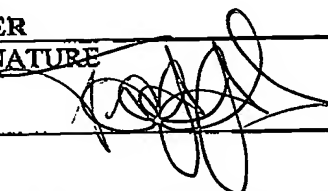
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